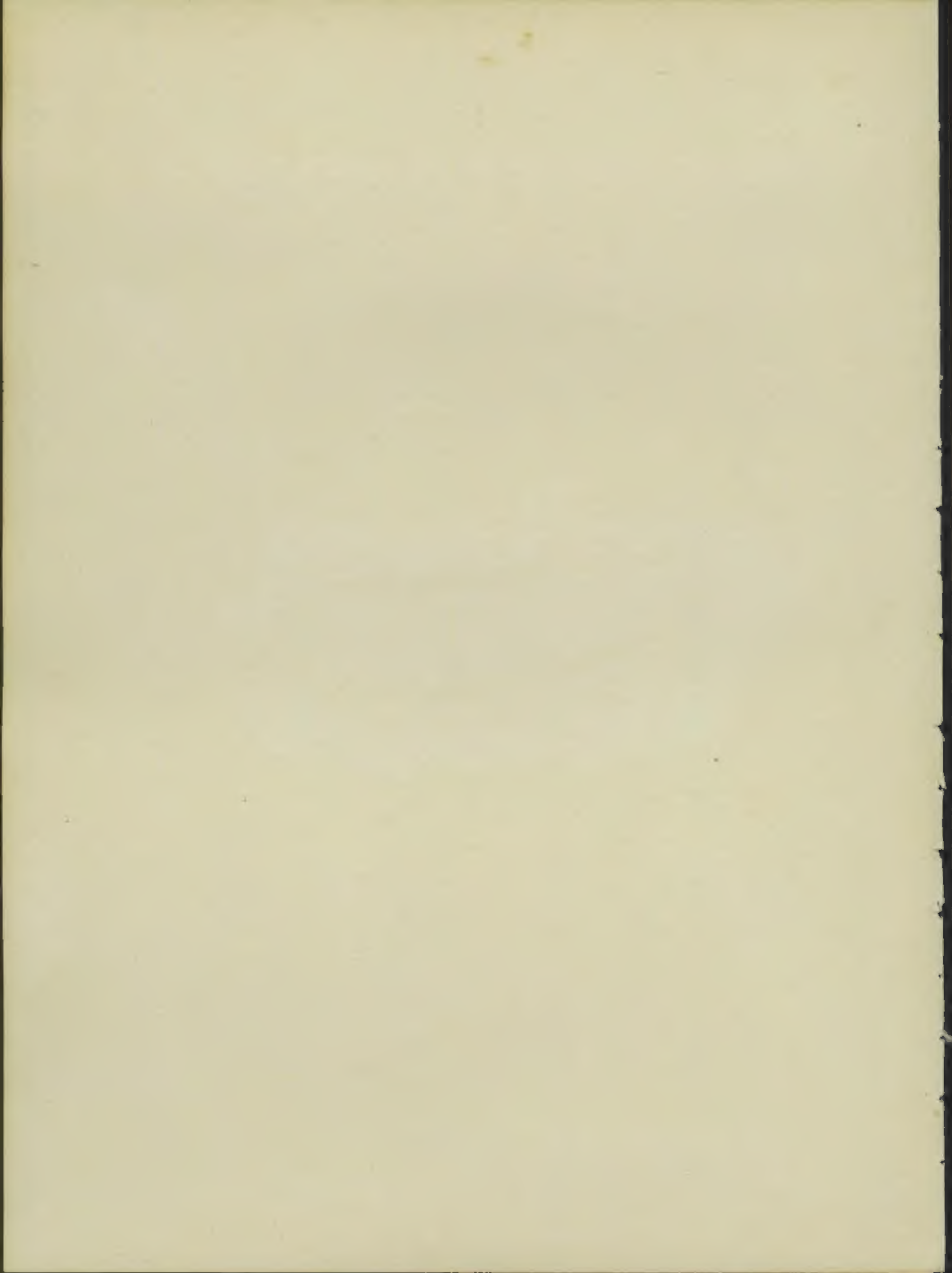




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EL PASO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
EL PASO, ILLINOIS.



Former Scholars Fight for Freedom





Dedication...

★ To all those El Paso High School Faculty, Alumni,
★ and Classmates, who are now serving in the Armed
★ Forces of the United States of America, we, the
★ Senior Class of 1944, not only dedicate this year
★ book in grateful appreciation, but pledge to them
★ as well, our very lives in loyal defense of their
★ dreams for that better world of tomorrow.





EL PASO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

For some time, the only schools in El Paso had been the two grade schools, McKinley and Jefferson Park. However, in the year 1915, the people voted for a township high school. Since there was no high school building, classes were held in any

building or room that was found suitable. Some classes were held in the McKinley grade school, some in the Jefferson Park, and others were even held in vacant rooms in the business district.

This continued until 1920-21 when a high school was erected on the northern edge of El Paso, at a cost of \$372,186.30. In 1922 the first class of the high school graduated. In 1929, because of the need of a shop for the agriculture classes, the farm shop, located at the northwest corner of the school, was built at a cost of \$3,000. In 1938 another \$30,772 was spent for the completion of the swimming pool, repairing the roof, improving the drive, and building the turning circle.

This leads us to our high school of the present day. Everyone—the students, faculty, and citizens of the community—are very proud of our school, with its modern buildings, large green lawns, shrubbery, and trees, the turning circle, the drive around the school, the football field and track, and many other facilities that the school has.

In the principal's office hang three certificates. One is a certificate stating that El Paso Township High School is recognized by the State of Illinois, another shows it is accredited by the University of Illinois, and the third states that it is a member of the North Central Association of Schools.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. J. A. Owens, President; Wm. E. Burroughs, Secretary; Board Members: Jacob H. Dressler, K. A. LaRochelle, John W. North, Owen Schertz, Louis Wadsworth.



SCHOOL





ADMINISTRATION

GREETINGS

Graduates, Friends, Men and Women in
Our Country's Service, Youth of El Paso and
Vicinity

If in the mellow glow of life's evening
light, when the grains of sand are pouring
slowly through the glass of time, or in a mo-
ment of leisure in a busy, vibrant, money or
war mad world, this book shall enable you to
draw back the curtain of intervening years and
see again our El Paso Township High School
and feel again its joys and friendships, then
the efforts of the 1944 Cometeer will not have
been in vain

Please accept these, our greetings and our
thanks, and share our hopes that these joys of
our youth may live again and again through
this our 1944 yearbook

WALTER M. CLAGGETT, Principal



Mr. Walter M. Claggett

FACULTY

Miss Salmon, Mr. Snyder, Miss Gibbs, Miss Crowley, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Claggett, Mr. Maurer, Mr. Bowers,
Miss McCue, Miss Miles, Miss Tendick, Miss Cloney





Walter M. Claggett
El Paso, Illinois

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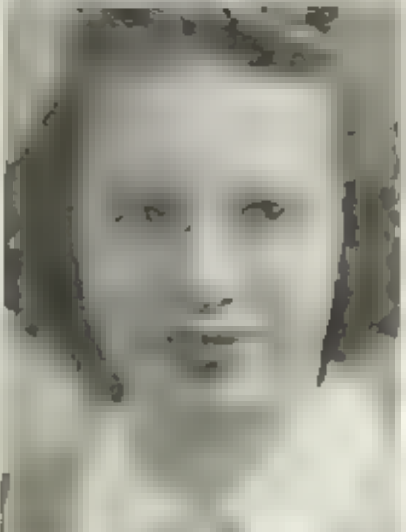
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University of Illinois, M A
George Washington University



Madeline Crowley
Champaign, Illinois.

Mathematics, Latin

University of Illinois, B S



Vivian Gibbs
Spartanburg, Illinois.

Music, Algebra

Illinois Wesleyan University



Virginia Miles
Farmer City, Illinois.

Home Economics

University of Illinois, B S., M S



Lyle E. Snyder
El Paso, Illinois.

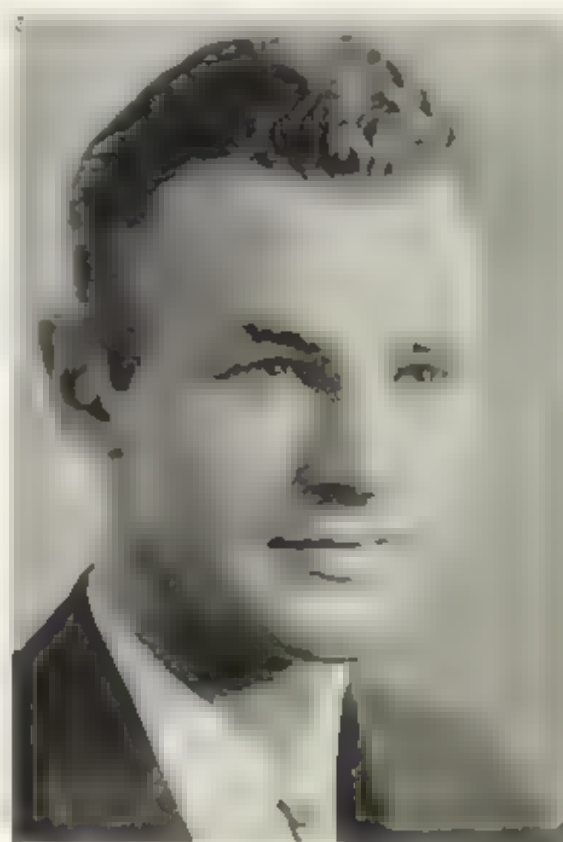
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Splendid Guidance

CLASS OF '44



Vincennes Bowers
St. Anne, Illinois.

Basketball, Track,
Industrial Arts.

U.S.N.C., B Ed

WAR TRAINING ★ ★

Given by Faculty

Frances Cloney

Decatur, Illinois.

Girls Physical Education, Biology

James McKean University, A.B.



William Robert Ferguson

Collinsville, Illinois.

Boys Physical Education, Football and Baseball, Civics, World History

ISNU, B.M.



ADVISERS



Margaret A. McCue

Springfield, Illinois.

Commerce

Clarke College, A.B.

Harold E. Maurer

El Paso, Illinois.

Science

University of Illinois, M.S.



Mary Teresa Salmon

Bloomington, Illinois.

English

ISNU, B.Ed.



Marian L. Tendick

Greenfield, Illinois.

English, Dramatics

Bradley, A.B.



SENIORS • • • Class Rings - Farewells - Diplomas

In the fall of 1940, 48 new enlistees of the camp of E.T.H.S. were accepted by twelve commanding officers. These new recruits soon finished maneuvers (initiation) and chose their company leaders: Sgt. John Malcom, Cpl. Ray Shoemaker, and Pfc. Bill Kilpatrick. Tinker O'Connor was chosen to represent the group on the Camp Council. The C. O. in charge of this platoon was Lt. Snyder.

After having completed basic training, the platoon was shipped to Camp Sophomore. Here they became well known for their leadership. The leaders of these candidates were Sgt. John Malcom, Cpl. Leslie Hibbs, Pfc. Bill Kilpatrick, and Camp Council Member Tinker O'Connor. They passed their final aptitude and mental tests and were ready to be shipped out to Fort Junior. They bid farewell to Lt. Too-hill, their superior officer, and marched out of Camp Sophomore with a fleeting backward glance at the new batch of fledglings.

At Fort Junior these candidates were soon engrossed in the task of earning money for the annual mess, the Promenade. They staged "Campus Quarantine," directed by WAC Officer Marian Tendick, and also fed the hungry crowds at the local games. On May 14, 1944, they donned their dress uniforms and gave a Hawaiian

Luao for the departing graduates. Leaders that year were John Malcom, Esther Allison, Tinker O'Connor, Mary Rita Barclay, and Gene Steffen.

Privates Jarvis, Woefle, Monahan, Hibbs, Woosley, and Mayes were among those given transfers to other camps.

Thirty-four advanced candidates entered Senior Field. Before graduation Ray Baker left camp and Gene Williamson was transferred to an Eastern fort; LeRoy Pinkham and Bill Kirkton were called to active duty, making a total of five from the 44th platoon who were in khaki and navy blue—Bill Kilpatrick, Lloyd Patterson and Leslie Hibbs having entered the Navy sometime before. In the spring, the annual supper-dance given by the junior officers, and "A Mind of Her Own," under the direction of Senior Officer Tendick, were highlights of camp life.

The company received their bars on May 25th. The departing officers of the platoon were Gene Steffen, John Malcom, Jerry Pfister, Mary Rita Barclay and Lyle McWilliams; Major Bowers very ably guided his class to victory.

We are sure each and every one of the 44th platoon will find his place in the world and make a success of it just as he did his training in the army of E.T.H.S.



Senior Officers

LYLE McWILLIAMS

Senior Officer

JERRY PFISTER

Senior Officer

GENE STEFFEN

Senior Officer

JOHN MALCOM

Senior Officer

MARY RITA BARCLAY

Student Council

"Three years she grew in
sun and shower."

ANNE BURSTER

"So many worlds, so much to do."

ARTHUR COOPER

"Silence is golden."

Baseball 4 Track 4

"Her eyes are homes of
silent prayer."

DALE R. FEVER

"Better to be happy than
to be wise."

MARY RITA BARCLAY

"Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers."

Transfer, Student Council 3
4. Student Council V. Pres
Victory Council V. Pres
5. Band 2-3 4 Bond Concert
Spring Concert 2-3-4. Mu-
c Preliminaries 2-3-4. Re-
porter Staff 3-4. Comettee
Staff 4. "Campus Qua-
rtet" 3. "A Mind of Its
Own" 4. "America for Me
Christmas Sing 3. Mixed
Chorus 2 3 4. Girls' Chorus
4. Mixed Chorus Accom-
panist 4. Girls' 4.
1. Dance Band 2. A A C
Mixed Octet 3. C C A M
Six Cornet 4.

We're born to be happy,
all of us."

Transfer, Librarian 3, Com-
puter Staff 4, "A Maid of
Her Own" 4, Girls' Chorus
1, Christmas Song 1,
and Concert 3, Bio. & Club
1 GAA 34

PAUL C. COX

"Ripening in perfect innocence"

Basketball	Football	1-2	3
L. Committee	Staff	4	Boys'
Chorus	3-4	(Y

do but sing because I
must

Item	Vote	Report
1. S. L. 1. Campus Quartet		
Line 3, "A Maid of Her Own"	4	F. F. A. Minstrel 2
Gypsy Troubador"	1	
America for Me"	2	Band 1
Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4, Boys' Chorus 1-2-3-4, Boys' Septet		
Boys' Quartet 3, Mixed		
Octet 3-4, Christmas Sing 3		
4 French Club 2		

DEAN W. FEVER

"A lord of large experience."

Basketball 2, FFA Min
 stral 2, "America for Me" 2
 Boys' Chorus 3-4, Christmas
 Sing 3-4, Pep Club 2-3, F I
 A, 1-2 3 4

DORTHY W. GEEDING

"She is a mirror of all courtesy"

Transfer, Home Economics Club 4.



BARBARA HANY

"Sweet reasonableness."

Football 4, Corn Steer Staff 4, "A Maid of Her Own" 4, "Campus Quarantine" 3, Christmas Sing 1, Girls' Chorus 3 4, G A A

WILBUR G. HARTMAN

"For courage mounteth with occas on."

Basketball 4, Track 1-2-3-4, Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, G A A



JUNE JOHNSON

"A face with gladness overspread."

Basketball 4, Football 1-4, "A Maid of Her Own" 1, Christmas Sing 1, Girls' Chorus 1, G A A 1-2-3-4, Pop Club 3

BILL KIRKTON

"He has a work, a life purpose."

Transfer, Music 4, Football 3-4 (co-captain 4), Basketball 3, Track 1-2-3-4, Corn Steer Staff 4, "Campus Quarantine" 3, Boys' Chorus 1, Mixed Chorus 3-4, G A A



ELAINE C. LAMPE

"Light and life be thine forever."

Class Sec'y-Treas 4, Student Council 1-3, Pres. of District Student Council 3, Victory Council 4, Football 1-2-3-4 (co-captain 4), Basketball 1-2-4 (co-captain 4), Track 1-2-3-4, Cheer 1-2-3-4, Corn Steer Staff 4, Cornet 1-2-3-4, "Campus Quarantine" 4, "A Maid of Her Own" 4, "America for Me" 4, G A A, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4, Pop Club 4

JOHN D. MALCOM

"Variety is the spice of life."

Class Sec'y-Treas 4, Student Council 1-3, Pres. of District Student Council 3, Victory Council 4, Football 1-2-3-4 (co-captain 4), Basketball 1-2-4 (co-captain 4), Track 1-2-3-4, Cheer 1-2-3-4, Corn Steer Staff 4, Cornet 1-2-3-4, "Campus Quarantine" 4, "A Maid of Her Own" 4, "America for Me" 4, G A A, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4, Pop Club 4



LYLE R. McWILLIAMS

"He hath a daily beauty in his life."

Student Council 4, Victory Council 4, Band 1-2-3, Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Track 1-4, Spring Concert 1-2

EILEEN MOOL

"She is as kind as she is fair"

Band 1-2-3-4, Band Leader 1-2-3-4, Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Track 1-2-3-4, Corn Steer Staff 4, "A Maid of Her Own" 4, "America for Me" 4, G A A, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4, Pop Club 4



MARY C. O'CONNER

"Age cannot wither her, nor customs stale her infinite variety."

Class Sec'y-Treas 4, Band 1-4, Victory Council 4, Student Council 1, Corn Steer Staff 3, Cornet 1-2-3-4, "Campus Quarantine" 4, "A Maid of Her Own" 4, "America for Me" 4, G A A, Cheer Leader 1-2, Chorus 1, G A A 1-2-3-4 (V. Pres. 1), Club 1-2-3 (Sec'y 1), Student Council 4, Basketball 1-2, Mixed Chorus 1, Band Concert 2, Spring Speech Contest 4

JOHN W. OLTMAN

"Silence has become his
mother tongue."
Track 3-4, Baseball 4



JERRY PFISTER

"Brevity is the soul of
wit."
Transfer, Class Sec'y-Treas
4, Baseball 4

MARY K. PFISTER

"Smooth runs the water
where the brook is deep."
Transfer, Band 3-4, Dance
Band 3, Band Concert 3, Vic-
tory Council 4, Reporter Staff
4, "A Mind of Its Own" 4, Girls' Chorus
4, Christmas Sing 4, G. A. A.
1-2-3-4



M. DUANE RICE

"Hitch your wagon to a
star."
Reporter Staff 4, "A Mind of
Its Own" 4, "America for Me"
Mixed Chorus 2, Nat'l
Masque, F. F. A. Master
Extemp. Speech Contest 4

AGNES M. ROBERTS

"Nothing ill can dwell in
such a temple"
Reporter Staff 4, "Campus
Quadrant" 3, "A Mind of Its
Own" 3, Girls' Chorus 1-2-3-4,
G. A. A. 1-2-3-4, Home Ec
Club 1-2-3-4



MARILYN M. SHAFFER

"But change cannot touch
her."
Band Queen 2, Band 1-4,
Dance Band 2-3, Vic-
tory Council Home Ec 1,
Basketball Contest 1,
Reporter Staff 4, Comet
Contest 1, "A Mind of Its
Own" 2, "America for Me" 2,
Girls' Chorus 2-4, Christmas
Sing 4, Home Ec Club 1-2-3,
G. A. A. 2-4, Spring Concert
1-2-4, Band Concert 3

GENE STEFFEN

"And gladly would he
learn."
Reporter Staff 4, "Campus
Quadrant" 3, "A Mind of Its
Own" 3, Girls' Chorus 1-2-3-4,
G. A. A. 1-2-3-4, Home Ec
Club 1-2-3-4

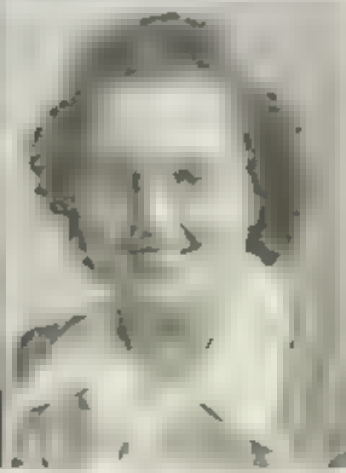


LOIS WADSWORTH

"Where joy forever
dwells."
Band V. Pres. 4, Band 2-3-4,
Music Contest 3-4, Librarian
1, Reporter Staff 4, Comet
Contest 4, "A Mind of Its
Own" 4, "America for Me"
Gypsy Troubadour 1,
Christmas Sing 3-4, Girls'
Chorus 1-2-3-4, G. A. A.
1-2-3-4, Spring Concert
1-2-4

DOROTHY A. YAMBERT

"Humility like darkness re-
veals the heavenly lights"
America for Me 1, Girl
Chorus 4, Christmas Sing
4, Home Ec Club 1



RETA E. ZEHR

"Who saw life steadily and
saw it whole"
Band 1-4, Dance Band 3,
Concert 3, Reporter
Staff 4, Comet Contest 4,
Home Ec Club 1-2-3-4 (P)
G. A. A. 1-4, Spring Con-
cert 4

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

My friends, we are gathered here today to witness the launching of a ship and also to renew friendships of days past. Here, over the azure waters of Panola Hole, with a background of weeds, mud and the water tower, I, Mr. Stephen Claggett, present principal of E.T.H.S., gaze upon the smiling faces of the Senior Class of 1944. I think of you as the ones who used to tease me when I came out to school at 3:30. To-day I am proud to have with us all you celebrities who have really become famous in the world.

June Johnson voted "Miss Panola Hole of 1959" by all of Panola's 23 inhabitants, will christen the ship MARS DOATS at the launching with Eau de Galore Perfume.

Lyle McWilliams has stopped off for a few hours with his all-girl rhythm band and will entertain us with a bit of boogie-woogie on the tonette.

Although we have a few entertainers, we also have many people who are now famous in other phases of life.

Norma Campbell has just won the Pulitzer Prize for her book, "A Tavern Grows in Kappa!"; her first book was "The Germs You Get in a Kiss."

Anne Burster, the famed flutist, postponed a concert in which she was co-starred with Pagannini, to attend this reunion and favor us with her own arrangement of "Three Blind Mice." She is the champion flutist in the world, playing with mittens on her hands.

Paul Cox appears regularly as one of the quiz kids. Since he lost all his teeth in a taffy-eating contest he talks like a six-year-old who has lost his baby teeth.

Barbara Hany, the radio singer on station CORN, has decided to accept a movie contract. Reta Zehr designs all her gowns. Reta has become famous for her new drape shape. The slogan of her shoppe is "A drape for your shape with no red tape."

Mary Rita Barclay has just composed her own arrangement of "The Poet's and the Pheasant's Overshoes," which she will play after giving her own rendition of "Anchors and Whey" in honor of the occasion.

Duane Rice has finally come into his own as an orator. He won a contest last month because he could talk longer than anyone else without saying anything.

That charming couple, Wilbur Hartman, and his lovely wife, the former Miss Agnes Roberts, have become quite noted as the proud parents of quintuplets. The cocker spaniel given to them by Grandpa Snyder gave birth to five puppies.

John Malcom, the famous comedian, just returned from touring Europe to perform for royalty. He returned much sooner than he expected. It seems he put a thumb tack on the throne of a Bulgarian king as a practical joke.

Since Frank Sinatra ruined his sweet tenor voice by singing "Speak Low" too much and changing it to bass, Edson Dressler has taken over his program, bobby socks and all. Do the girls swoon!!

Dorothy Geeding, a member of the Women's Crusaders, is now crusading for bigger and better mail boxes. Her co-worker is Marilyn Shaffer, who has designed postage stamps in six delicious flavors.

Art Cooper has revolutionized the stocking world with his new leg paint. The leg paint is mixed with Sterno. Keeps your legs warm in cold weather. Miss Elaine Lampe travels with him for demonstration purposes.

That famous chemistry sleuth, Esther Allison, has just discovered a new process for making kleenex out of old exam papers.

Senator Willis Kirkton has just added the 22nd amendment to the Constitution. "The Rights of the Married Man."

Gene Steffen, when not working in his pogo stick factory works for Walt Disney. He models for "Superman Meets the Wolf Girl." The Wolf Girl is the former Lois Wadsworth.

Elizabeth Coyle is now a real celebrity in the theatrical world. Her stage name is Lizzy Belle and she recently starred in "For Whom the Belles Toil."

Dean and Dale Fever are becoming quite well educated and expect to advance in digging flower beds. They have been attending a large number of schools, the latest being "Madame Lombi's Rhumba School."

Mary K. Pfister is a soprano in the Metropolitan Opera Company. Her aria in the "Merchant of Venice" will be "Super Suds" or "It All Comes Out in the Wash."

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Class of '44 of El Paso Township High School, being of sound (?) mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, declare, and publish this, our Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills, bequests, and devises of whatever nature by us made. We do hereby will and bequeath to the Faculty our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their splendid assistance and guidance and the innumerable sacrifices made for us during our years in high school. To the class of '45 we do hereby will and bequeath the following:

1. Esther Allison, do bequeath my classy chassis to some Junior lassie.
1. Arthur Cooper, leave my two days growth of whiskers to Bill Altum to do with what he pleases.
1. Anne Burster, leave the boys' chorus (heck) to Shirley Burroughs, you lucky girl
1. Norma Campbell, leave my sister to carry on in my place
1. Mary Rita Barclay, do will and bequeath my solo place as the only girl in the aeronautics class to Joan Cleary, the only girl in physics class
1. Paul Curtis Cox, leave my soberness to Jim Corbitt.
1. Elizabeth Coyle, leave my shy disposition to Maxine Chapman.
1. Edson Dressler, leave my fine he-man physique to Virgil Krug
- We, Dale and Dean Fever, leave by the back door—the way we came in.
1. Dorothy Geeding, leave my history book to Beverly Lape, who simply loves the stuff
1. Barbara Hany, leave—'bye now.
1. Wilbur Hartman, leave my three years of shyness to Jim Davis and may he benefit by them in years to come.
1. June Johnson, leave my typing ability to Betty Hynes.
1. Bill Kirkton, leave my tall tales and honesty at cards to Don Gordon
1. LeRoy Pinkham, left—you poor guys have to wait until May.
1. Mary K. Pfister, leave my come hither brown eyes to—wait a minute—I may need them myself
1. Elaine Lampe, leave my stale gum, size of a plum on my drum, want 'em Roberta?
1. Marilyn Shaffer, do will and bequeath my popularity to Marcella Shoemaker.
1. Tinker O'Connor, bequeath my peaches and cream complexion to any girl striving for the Ivory look.
1. Eileen Mook, leave my jitterbug dancing ability to Kitty Lou Eastman.
1. Lois Wadsworth, leave my cornet—period!
1. Reta Zehr, leave my dependability to future committee chairman.
1. Dorothy Yambert, leave my name—someone will put it down in history
1. Jerry Pfister, leave my ability to go around a corner on 1½ wheels to Gene Savole, who can only do it on 2—so far.
1. Lyle McWilliams, leave my ability to get kicked out of study hall to Ken Burroughs, who runs a close second.
1. John Olman, leave Joan Pierce in care of John Everett, but be careful, Johnny.
1. Duane Rice, leave my "little black book" (minus a few prospects) to Claire Lyons
1. John Malcom, leave my presidencies to Bill Tipler.
1. Agnes Roberts, leave my shorthand speed to Margaret Fenton.
1. Gene Steffen, leave a trail of broken hearts behind me.

Witnessed by

Mary Rita Barclay.
Tinker O'Connor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1944.

(SEAL)

Margaret A. McCue.

JUNIORS • • • Stands - Play - Prom



JUNIOR OFFICERS

RICHARD GAINES	Secretary-Treasurer
BILL TIPLER	President
EVERETT QUILAM	Student Council
MARGARET FRANTON	Student Council

In 1941, 45 green freshmen entered high school. We'll never forget the fateful day of initiation—all in all, we will never forget our freshman year!

The next year we came back eager to get started on another year with an eye toward making it a better year. And we did!

Then at last our greatest dream has been fulfilled—we are upperclassmen! With Miss Cloney and Mr. Ferguson as sponsors we had a very successful year.

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SOPHOMORES • • War Stamps - Sports - Champs



SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

Figure 1

Diagram illustrating the relationship between the number of subjects (N) and the number of conditions (C). The diagram shows a grid where each row represents a condition and each column represents a subject. The total number of subjects is N , and the total number of conditions is C . The diagram is divided into two main sections: one showing the relationship between N and C for different values of N (e.g., 10, 20, 30) and another showing the relationship between N and C for different values of C (e.g., 10, 20, 30).

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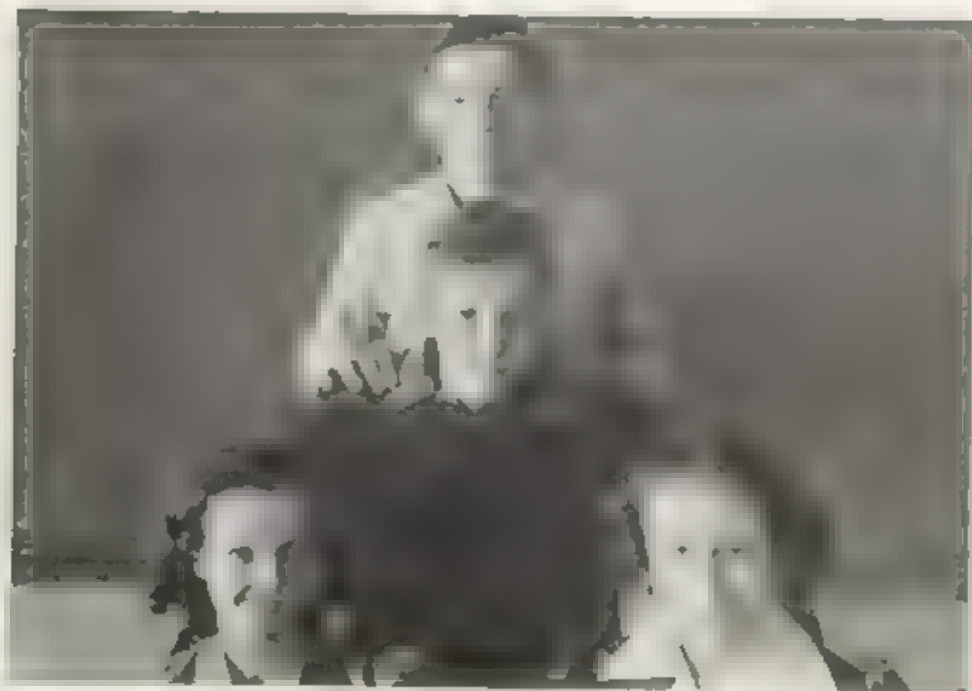
Our officers were Lloyd Rober president, Barbara Cryer vice president, Joan Roth, secretary, treasurer, Ruth Stotler was our student council member and Miss Salmon our class sponsor.

As Sophomores, fifty six enrolled and we carried on as usual, buying war stamps every week—having two parties, a hay ride and a sledding party.

Byron Donze was president; Fredonna Bishop, vice-president; Delora North, secretary treasurer. Ruth Stotler, our student council member, was a hold over and Miss Salmon was our sponsor AGAIN.

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FRESHMEN • • • Initiation - Parties - Promotion



FRESHMAN OFFICERS

BILL WEST.....	President
WALTER PFISTER.....	Vice-President
SHARON OLTMAN.....	Secretary-Treasurer
DORIS ANN WADSWORTH.....	Student Council

We began school on Sept. 3, with an enrollment of 68 happy Freshmen. Of course we had to suffer the Initiation Day arranged by the upperclasses—but everyone had a hilarious time, and by the looks of it, we all pulled out of it all right! Our first party was a hobo picnic in Duncan's timber. We had a skating party at the rink in Bloomington on Friday, April 14th. Everyone enjoyed it very much, and to Mr. Snyder's surprise, we looked pretty good the following Monday. During the year our class has bought war stamps continually, to help Uncle Sam and our fighting men.

First row: Joan Wollenschlager, Joan Everett, Sharon Oltman, Mildred Scott, Walter Pfister, Bill West, Kaywin Burroughs, Richard Martin, Jim Wingstirn, Leon Folkert, Franklin Jones, Fourth row: Robert Weber, Charles Cox, Jack Wilson, Joe Powell, Earl Longman, Harold Donald Miller, Orval Porth, Geraldine Benedict, Arlene Hartwig, Marilyn Pfeeger, Vivian Steckman





ATHLETICS



TEAM SHOWS STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE

Robert Ferguson took over the football squad at El Paso this year and did a wonderful job of coaching. He is pictured here with Malcom and Kirkton, this year's co-captains, and captain-elect, Jim Davis.

These boys and Coach Ferguson are to be commended for the part they played this year in making it a successful football season for E.T.H.S.



First row: K. Burroughs, P. Cox, M. Kingston, L. McWilliams, J. Malcom, J. Davis, H. Kirkton, C. W. M. Lindsay, B. Poonbaugh, J. Corbett, B. Nohrin, Coach Ferguson. Third row: J. Harvey, C. Cox, R. W. Wood, H. Davis.



FOOTBALL BOYS ENJOY GOOD SEASON

El Paso		Opponent
19	LeRoy	7
0	Fairbury	7
19	Farmer City	6
40	Chenon	6
7	Chillicothe	12
19	Washington	6
6	Eureka	0
110	Totals	44

Averages for Four Games

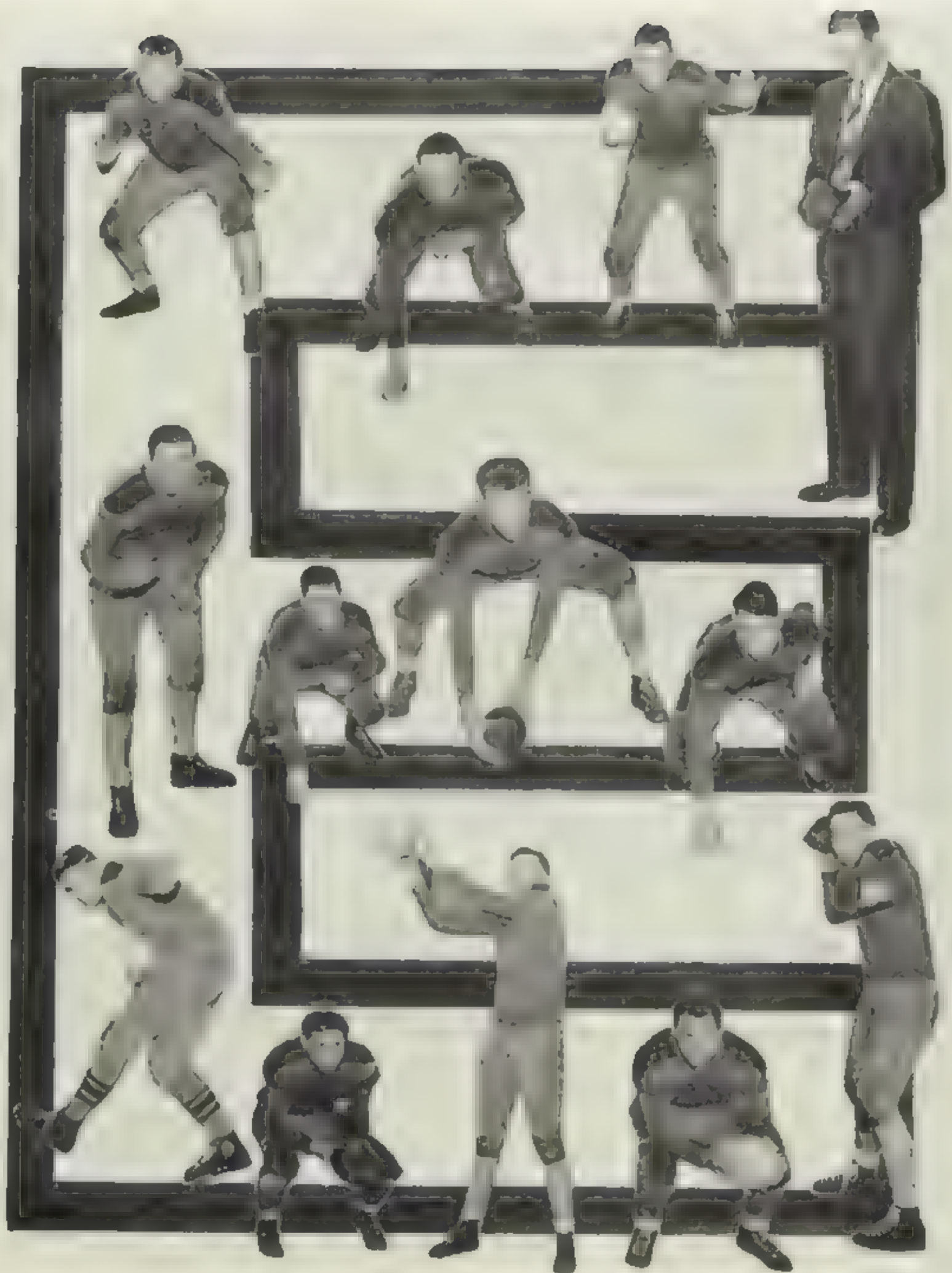
Yards in Rushing	Trias	Average
1215	128	9.49 yds
Yds. on passes		
330	21	15.71 yds
First Downs		
El Paso 50	Opponents -29	

The E.T.H.S. footballers won five and lost two games during the 1943 season. Seven lettermen reported for practice in September and formed the nucleus for the starting eleven. All eleven men stood out in each game and no one boy could be called the star.

Kirkton, Malcom, Lindsey and Gordon made a formidable backfield for all opponents. Jim Davis was a standout at center and Gaines, Hartman, McWilliams and Cox were tough linemen.

The climax of the season was the defeat of Eureka, 6-0, Armistice Day. This was their first defeat in 18 games and first El Paso win over Eureka since 1938. With a few breaks in the two games they lost, E.T.H.S. would have had an undefeated season.





Guinea, McWilliams, Malcom, Coach Ferguson, Cox, Kegan, Lys, Huth, Kington,
Gordon, Curran, Dwyer, Halsey

OUR BOYS ALSO SHOOT TO WIN

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SCHEDULE		
El Paso		Opponents
18	U. High at El Paso	41
21	Washington at Washington	17
22	Chenoo at Gridley (Holiday Tournament)	41
23	Lexington at Gridley (Holiday Tournament)	17
24	Chenoo at El Paso	2
25	Rocky at El Paso	12
26	Gridley at El Paso	3
27	El Paso at El Paso	31
28	Minonk at El Paso	
29	Washington at El Paso	28
30	Washington at Minonk (Holiday Tournament)	16
31	Metairie at Metairie	12
1	Gridley at El Paso	31
2	Metairie at El Paso	18
3	Lexington at El Paso	18
4	Gridley at El Paso	30
5	Rocky at Rocky	36
6	Minonk at Minonk	61
7	Gridley at El Paso	35
8	Lexington at Lexington	19
9	U. High at Chenoo (Regional Tournament)	39

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Fresh-Soph Tournament at Lexington

El Paso		Opponents
28	Colfax at Lexington	2
30	Lexington at Lexington	26
17	Gridley at Lexington	7

1943-44 was a building year in basketball at El Paso. With little experience on hand, Coach Bowers started the season with three seniors: Lyle McWilliams, John Malcom and Wilbur Hartman. The remainder of the squad were underclassmen. These three seniors and Don Gordon, Monte Lindsey, Bill Poorbaugh, Bill Nohren, and Lloyd Raber gave some mighty fine accounts of themselves during the latter part of the season.

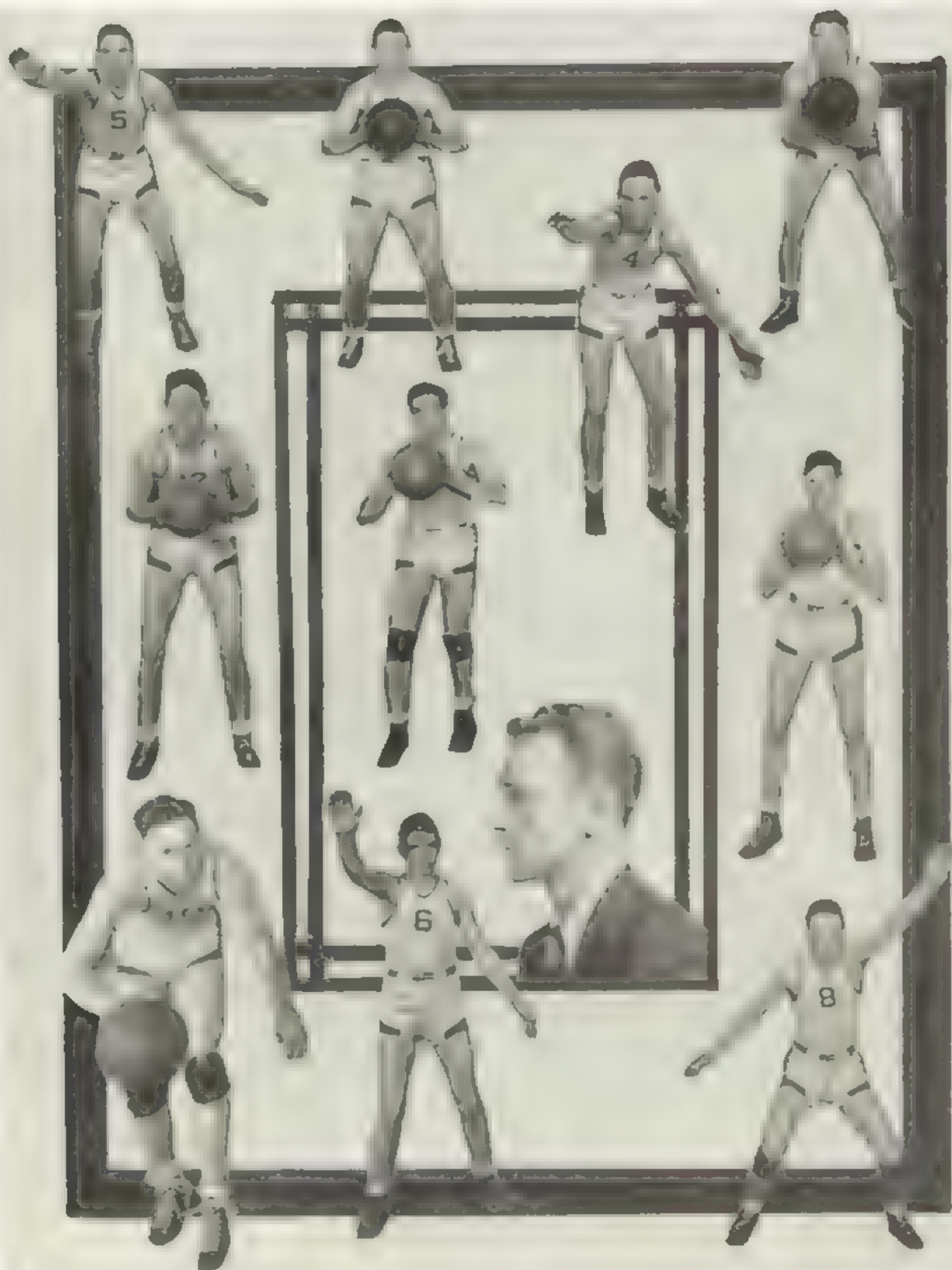
The second team made up of underclassmen played five ball games all season, winning their share of games and improving all the way.

The Fresh-Soph team, playing together for the first time after the regular season ended, participated in an eight-team invitational tourney at Lexington and came home with the second place trophy.

In the inter-class tourney the Sophomores defeated the Juniors 22 to 19 in the championship game after a torrid battle. Prospects are exceptionally bright for the future at El Paso.

Mr. Bowers, Don Gordon, Lloyd Raber, Bill Nohren, Don Gordon, John Malcom, Kenneth Harrell, Monte Lindsey, Lyle McWilliams, Tim Corbett, Wilbur Hartman, Bill Poorbaugh





Raber, Malcom, Corbitt, Hartman, Poorbaugh, Gordon, Burroughs, Lindsey
 Nohren, Coach Bowers, McWilliams



SECOND TEAM

Kaywin Burroughs, Byron Donze, Gene Savoie, Bill Davis, Mr. Bowers, Jim Davis, Walter Pfister, Lyle Miller, Bill Burroughs

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE TEAM

First row: Bill Burroughs, Lloyd Raber, Byron Donze, Bill Poorbaugh, Bill Nohren, Kaywin Burroughs

Second row: Bill Davis, Mr. Bowers, Walter Pfister



TRACK

Coach Bowers track squad though hampered by bad weather have been working diligently and were successful in trimming Eureka (always tough) in their first meet to 59. The loss of Bill Kirkton to the armed services following the first meet will sorely be felt. There are some promising underclassmen out and opponents are going to find El Paso hard to beat.

BASEBALL

El Paso boys welcomed the revival of baseball this spring, and any lack of experience is most certainly being made up for in spirit. Coach Ferguson's boys have played but one game to date against an experienced Washburn team, and were defeated 9 to 0. With a little experience these fellows will make it tough for the opposition.



PHYSICAL FITNESS IS ESSENTIAL

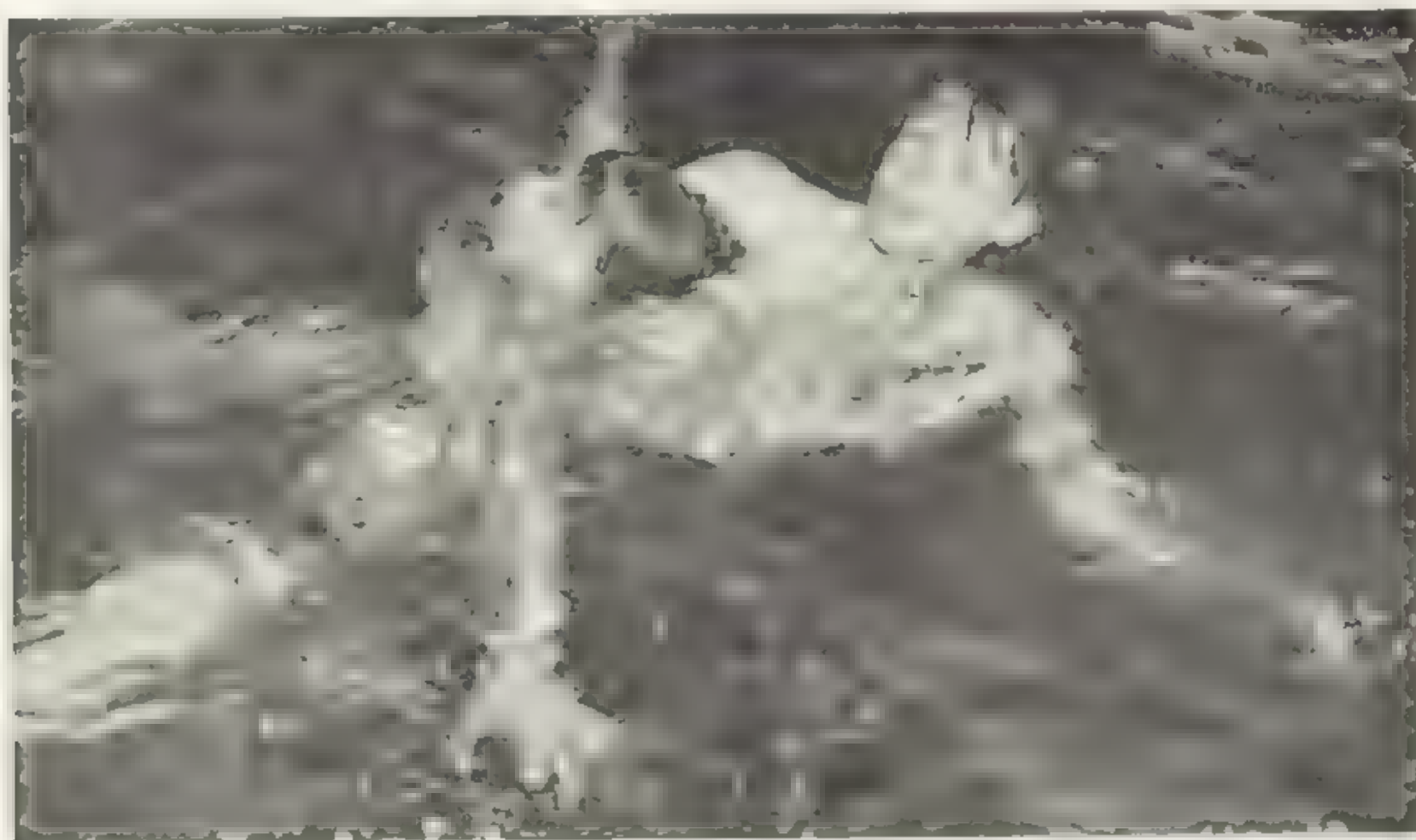
In addition to a complete schedule of inter-scholastic sports, each boy not out for varsity sports is required to take physical education five days a week. The P. E. program is divided into three divisions including outdoor, indoor, and swimming pool activities.

The outdoor program is carried on in the fall and spring and generally consists of ten minutes of calisthenic exercise each day and fifteen minutes of marching two or three days a week. The

boys run long distances in Indian file and participate in competitive sports such as touch football and soccer.

In the gymnasium provision is made for several additional activities such as rope climbing, obstacle courses, wrestling, boxing, and basketball. The boys also make good use of the swimming pool.

A physical fitness test has been set up including tests for speed, endurance and ability.





Joan Cleary, Rita J. Kirby, Delora North.

Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!

Five big loud cheers for El Paso High School's spirit this year. Our new cheer leaders, elected by student body vote, really had them yelling the roof off.

Dime Dances were a big success and we were able to raise enough money to purchase new cheer leader uniforms for next year. The dances were held in the gymnasium after basketball games.

Don't lose any of your pep over the vacation. We'll be counting on your loyal support again next year.

GIRLS - GIRLS - GIRLS - G.A.A.

G.A.A. PROGRAM INCLUDES—HIKES—CAMP—BANQUET

Keeping in tune with the times, the G.A.A. started the year with a hike to Kirby's home for a wiener roast. Each old member invited a girl who wished to join. This year we have 50 active members.

This year the G.A.A. will send two members from the group to East Bay Camp at Bloomington. The girls sponsored the show "Forever and a Day" at the local theater to obtain the money.

November 18th the annual football banquet was held in the high school. The entire squad, coach, faculty, and members attended. There were 12 present and it was a big success.

The organization has had various other parties and socials throughout the year and in general has had a successful year.

G.A.A. First row: Margaret Penton (President), Joan Cleary (Secretary-treasurer), Luella Pfister, Mary E. Bishop, Marilyn Shaffer, Doris Ann Wadsworth, Margaret Pinkham, Barbara Cryer, Shari Anderson, Audrey. Second row: Miss Cloney, Joan Roth, Tinker O'Connor, Barbara Hany, Mary K. Pfister, Mary E. Wadsworth, Ann Walters, Marjorie Kingdon, Bette Barber, Beverly Lape, Ruth Stoller, June Patton, Lela Wadsworth, Kathleen Barclay, Eleanor Penton, Joan Wallenschlager. Third row: Joan Everett, Norma Campbell, Agnes R. Fourth row: Mary E. Wadsworth, Kathleen Barclay, Eleanor Penton, Joan Wallenschlager, Betty Jo Hansen, Betty Newkirk, Mary Ednaight, Donna Cannon, Mary Ann, Rosemary Armstrong, Shirley. Fifth row: Delora North, Joan, and Stoltz, Kathryn Scholtz, Anne Hurster, D. Sixth row: Mary Pauline Berg, Marcella, and Shaffer, Janet, Ruth Pinkham, Rita J. Kirby.





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COUNCILS — Student and Victory

The STUDENT COUNCIL of 1943-44 sponsored the annual Homecoming for E.T.H.S. students and alumni. They also sponsored three dances which were held after basketball games to further a fund to purchase uniforms for the cheer leaders.

The Council, under the guidance of Miss Salmon as faculty adviser, arranged other activities including the all-school parties, the purchase of records for the victrola for noon dancing, securing movie films to be shown in assembly meetings, and the dancing classes held at noon, to teach bashful boys and girls to dance.

Council members have also always been on hand to assist during sports events and other programs held at the school.

The VICTORY COUNCIL has not been idle while the Student Council worked. This Council, with the aid of faculty members, Miss Cloney, Miss Salmon, and Mr. Ferguson, sponsored a War Bond Rally in an assembly meeting during which a skit was given by members of the Council. Members also presented a patriotic assembly—a tableau was given portraying the different eras and the American way of life. The programs were given to encourage and to stress the buying of war stamps and bonds.

A 100% Stamp Drive as a contest between classes was carried out with great success.

STUDENT COUNCIL (Upper Picture) Mr. Ferguson, Miss Cloney, Miss Salmon, Mr. Rahn, Barclay, Gene Steffen, Bill West, Ruth Storer, Doris Ann Wadsworth, Kathleen Barclay, Margaret Fenton, Mary K. Pfister, Don Gordon, Walter Pfister, Bill West, Everett Quinn, Bill Tipler, Gene Steffen, Lyle McWilliam.

VICTORY COUNCIL (Lower Picture) Mr. Ferguson, Miss Cloney, John McLeom, Mary Rita Barclay, Mary K. Pfister, Ruth Storer, Doris Ann Wadsworth, Kathleen Barclay, Margaret Fenton, Miss Salmon, Byron Donze, Don Gordon, Walter Pfister, Bill West, Everett Quinn, Bill Tipler, Gene Steffen, Lyle McWilliam.



ETHS STAFFS WORK HARD

Our COMETEER staff, in the hope of bringing the boys a little close to home, has tried to include in our book things that will be of interest to our fighting friends. We have dedicated our book to the boys in service and with the cooperation of the townships we have sent it along to each boy in the service who graduated from E.T.H.S. in the past four years.

The E.T.H.S. REPORTER has had a busy year also. We have tried to include articles in our paper of special interest to the boys in the service, as we have been sending copies to the boys who are former students.

As usual we have challenged the Indians to see if they can produce a better paper than ours.

COMETEER STAFF (Upper Picture) Editor, Anne Burster; Assistant Editor, Carl Steffen; Business Manager, Esther Allison; Patron List, Bill Kirkton, Paul Coxworth, Mary K. Pfeiffer; Subscriptions, Edna Lampe, Reta Zehr; Photography, Mary Rita Barclay, Agnes Roberts; Athletics, John Malcom; Classes, Helen Mook, Diane Rice, June Johnson; Faculty Advisers, Miss McCue, Mr. Bowers.

E.T.H.S. REPORTER STAFF (Lower Picture) Editor, Marilynn Edson; Assistant Editor, Marilynn Edson; Business Manager, Edson Dressler; Sports Editor, John Malcom; Typists, Lois Walkworth, Anne Burster, Mary K. Pfeiffer; Faculty Advisers, Miss McCue, Mr. Bowers.





Miss Tendick

"EARLY TO BED — EARLY TO RISE"

On December 3rd, the Junior class presented its annual play.

The play, centered around the lives of the Fuller family, their problems and romances—and their life above the pet shop. Spanky, who is determined to marry Bobbie, and Jim who causes Marion some bad moments, add to the excitement of the story. Mr. Kirtchmeir, the pet shop owner, and Mr. Conkle, the flustered landlord, engage in much conversation—both amusing and sad.

The play, which was directed by Miss Tendick, was well received by a large audience.

CAST

Ann Alder	Maxine Chapman
Patsy Fuller	Joan Cleary
Bobbie Fuller	Jim Corbett
Marion Fuller	Kathryn Scheltz
Everett Fuller	Gene Savoie
Spanky Minuti	Shirley Burroughs
Jim Griggs	Everett Quiram
Laura Montgomery	Margaret Fenton
Otto Kirtchmeir	Claire Lyons
Mr. Conkle	Bill Tipler
Daisy Fairfax	Marcella Shomacher





"A MIND OF HER OWN"

The Senior class, under the direction of Miss Tenhek, presented a three act comedy on April 28th. Originality of plot and skill of character portrayal provided an evening of delightful entertainment.

Bunny's efforts to imitate everybody land the family in trouble that would be serious if it weren't so funny. A guest arrives who is important to a big deal Dad wants—at the same time Jessica comes posing as a woman of the world at the age of eighteen. Bunny tries to imitate Jessica, never dreaming that Jessica is after Steve. Tommie and Nettie plan to get rid of Jessica but all the tricks are played on Dad's important guest by mistake!

This last production of the Seniors met with great response from the community.

Jim Bartlett, in the construction business	Edson Dresser
Della Bartlett, his wife	Anne Burster
Bunny, their daughter.....	Mary K. Pister
Tommie, their son.....	John Malcom
Nettie, another daughter	Tinker O'Connor
Lizzie, the maid	Esther Allison
Jessica Alwood	
Bunny's guest	Mary Rita Barclay
Delphine Lindley, another of Bunny's guests	Elaine Lampe
Steve Henderson, an admirer of Bunny	Gene Steffen
Hugh Randall, another admirer	Lyle McWilliams
Carol Russell, the girl next door	Barbara Hany
Miss Flora Fenwick, a naturalist	Lois Wadsworth
Mrs. Phelps, a contractor's wife.....	Norma Campbell



MUSIC FILLS AIR AS BAND, CHORUSES AND QUARTETTE PERFORM

Music activities of the year all under the direction of Miss Vivian Gibbs were many and varied. The assembly program "America Sings" was a pantomime with continuous background music by the choruses. A Christmas carol sing preceded by a program by the choruses put everyone into the Christmas spirit.

The girls' chorus of seventy was accompanied by Kathleen Barclay, the boys' chorus of twenty-five by Anne Burster, and the mixed chorus by Mary Rita Barclay.

The girls' quartet, Barbara Cryer, Mary Rita Barclay, Joan Cleary, and Anne Burster, appeared on programs at school and

for local social affairs as did the girl's trio, Barbara Cryer, Ruth Stotler, and Kathleen Barclay.

The band of thirty members played and marched at football and basketball games. At one basketball game the large flag was unfurled in the spotlight as the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." The three baton twirlers, Sharon Oltman, Joan Everett, and Joan Wollenschlager, performed at the games. The band led the Halloween parade held uptown.

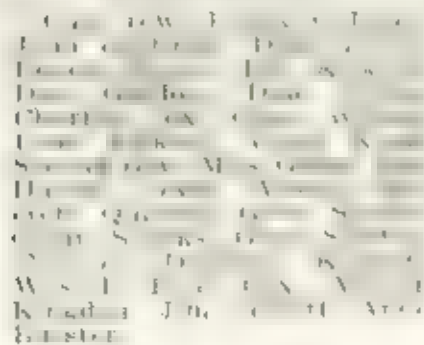
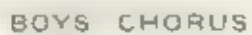
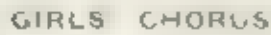
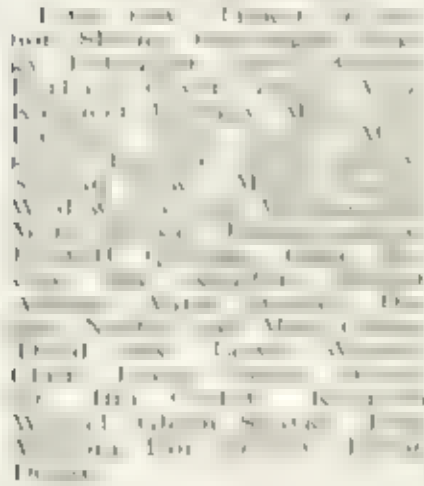
Several girls are taking part in the district music contest in Peoria.

Both the choruses and the band will give spring concerts.

GIRLS' QUARTET—Mary Rita Barclay, Barbara Cryer, Anne Burster, Joan Cleary

Lower picture Joan, Sharon, and Joan
Upper picture Tinker and Bob



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September—

- 1 First Day of School.
- 17 Football at LeRoy.
- 24 Football with Fairbury, here.

October—

- 1 Homecoming game with Farmer City, Homecoming Dance.
- 5 Freshman Party.
- 8 Football with Chenoa, there.
- 12-13 Six Weeks Tests.
- 14-15 Teachers' Institute.
- 22 Chillicothe, there.
- 29 Washington, here.

November—

- 11 Eureka, here.
- 12 Victory Dance.
- 15 Kiwanis Football Banquet.
- 16 Senior Hay Ride.
- 18 G.A.A. Football Banquet.
- 19 All-School Party.
- 22 Home Ec.-F.F.A. Party.
- 23-24 Six Weeks Tests
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Vacation.
- 29 Band Party.

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W I N T E R

December—

- 3 Junior Play.
- 7 Basketball Game with U. High.
- 21 Washington, there.
- 22 Christmas Vacation Begins.

January—

- 3 End of Christmas Vacation.
- 4 Chenoa, here.
- 7 Roanoke, here.
- 12-14 First Semester Tests.
- 18 Minonk, here.
- 19 T.B. Talk by Dr. Collins.
- 21 Washington, here.
- 21 T.B. Needle Test.

February—

- 3 Gridley, here.
- 8 U. High, there.
- 11 Chenoa, there.
- 15 Roanoke, here.
- 16 Senior Sled Party.
- 18 Minonk, there.
- 24-25 Six Weeks Tests.

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SPRING

March—

- 1 State Police Safety Talk.
- 7 Band Party.
- 15 Pictures Taken for Annual.
- 18 Home Ec. Entertain Mothers.
- 22 V-Roy, the Magician, here.
- 24 All-School Party.

April—

- 5- 6 Six Weeks Tests.
- 11 Preliminary Contest.
- 18 Track Meet with Eureka.
- 21 County Literary and Music Contest.
- 24 Triangular Meet with Washington.
- 28 Senior Play.

May—

- 5 County Track Meet.
- 6 Delavan Track Carnival.
- 9 Eureka Baseball Game.
- 19 Junior-Senior Banquet, Prom.
- 21 Baccalaureate.
- 25 Commencement.

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Tinker O'Connor and Eileen Mool are making money hand over feet in the theater. They are hired by the El Paso Theater to pry the gum off the bottoms of the seats on Wednesday nights.

Miss Dorothy Yambert just returned from Paris, France, where she is employed as a cabaret dancer. Her number is called "The Dance of the Five Veils."

We regret very much that Jerry Pfister is not able to attend the reunion and

launching. He is in Hawaii growing corn silks for the native girls' hula skirts.

John Oltman is now a famous magician. He has just perfected the feat of making his customers' money disappear. He is becoming quite prosperous, too.

Now that everyone has been introduced, we will take a cruise on the limpid waters of Panola Hole and as we do so, we say "Aloha" till we meet again in 1999, if we must come on crutches or in wheel chairs, AND if we can pool our old age pension money and be here.

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